

**MINUTES - LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Ag/Extension Annex – Darlington, WI  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** David Halloran, Carol Korn, Bob Boyle, Dwayne Larson,

**Others Present:** Ken Harwood, Lance McNaughton

- The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Bob Boyle at 5:04.
- Boyle stated that the meeting had been properly posted in the Ag Center, Courthouse and Darlington Municipal Building, and sent to the Republican Journal.
- Moved by Korn and seconded by Halloran to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Moved by Larson and seconded by Halloran to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2012 EDC meeting. Motion carried.
- Moved by Korn and seconded by Halloran to approve the minutes for the January 10, 2013 EDC meeting. Motion carried.

**Update and Possible Action Concerning:**

- a. MVP Recipients in Repayment – Wiota Holstein Dairy – M&I Bank has priority over the County with repayment. McNaughton is looking into the situation and will report back at the next meeting.
- b. Current Status of RLF Recipients – Both Paw Prints and Olivia's Photography are reportedly doing well; more detailed information will be presented at the next meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action to Outline and Confirm Administration Responsibilities for the Lafayette County Revolving Loan Fund:** Only two outstanding loans (Paw Prints & Olivia's Photograph) administered by Steve Malone, Benton Bank, who sends payment to Talmer Bank and deposited to the RLF. Right now Resolution from the Lafayette County Economic Development Committee goes to full county board for approval. Ron Brisbois of Platteville will draft the necessary paperwork. The bank that authorizes the loan will collect payments with County share being sent to Talmer Bank.

**Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Designating Responsibility of the Economic Development Committee's Tasks and Functions:** In the process of developing a formal application process. A checklist will be developed.

**Update on Regional Revolving Loan Fund:** The State will be working with 7 Regional groups not numerous community ones; can be as much \$13 million will be in the Regional Fund. If you do not join the Regional Fund, you will be allowed to keep the money but most likely not eligible for more.

**Update on Lafayette Development Corporation (LDC):** Harwood stated the whey plant looking upwards to \$1 million in loans; 40 jobs are involved with at least \$15/hr. pay scale. There will be a future request for \$15,000 from the Lafayette County Revolving Loan Fund.

Wiota Valley View Cheese will be requesting between \$37,000 and \$50,000 from the RLF.

**What we have been Hearing Around the County:** Argyle trying to build a multi-million dollar assisted living at the old school.

The Driver Opera House in Darlington has purchase the building on Main Street from Laura Jenkins.

**Future Agenda Items:** Check list for RLF; Larson will report on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March Regional RLF meeting; whey plant update – closed session for loan updates.

**Approval of the Vouchers:**

A motion was made by Larson and second by Korn to approve the Economic Development Vouchers. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date**

- The next Economic Development Committee Meeting Date will be March 13, 2013.
- Moved by Halloran and seconded by Larson to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

Bob Boyle